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1. AFTER CAREFUL REVIEW TEXT OF G-77 DRAFT DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION AS AMENDED BY FRENCH-CHAIRED GROUP B WORKING GROUP, WE ARE OF STRONG VIEW THAT INTRODUCTION OF NEW DOCUMENT PROVIDES NO RPT NO ADVANTAGE TO GROUP B OVER DRAFT SUBMITTED TO UNIDO II PREPARATORY COMMITTEE IN JANUARY. US CAN SUPPORT ALL PARAS OF JANUARY DRAFT, BUT NEWLY-PROPOSED LANGUAGE RAISES SOME SUBSTANTIVE AND MANY LANGUAGE PROBLEMS. WE HIGHLY DOUBTFUL OF POSSIBILITY TO DEVELOP ACCEPTABLE REVISED TEXT AND ARE HIGHLY SKEPTICAL OF USEFULNESS OF PURSUING THIS LINE OF WORK PRIOR TO LIMA.

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- 2. IN OUR VIEW, INTRODUCTION OF NEW TEXT AT THIS STAGE WILL DOUBTLESSLY CONFUSE LIMA NEGOTIATIONS AND COULD LEAD TO BREACH IN GROUP B. REPORT OF ALGIERS MEETING SUGGESTS GROUP OF 77 INTENDS MAJOR CONFRONTATION AT LIMA. OUR ESTIMATE IS THAT SUBMISSION OF SOFTER TEXT CANNOT HEAD OFF CONFRONTATION IN ANY CASE AND WILL HAVE GROUP B STARTING FROM WEAKER POSITION.
- 3. FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND USE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH GROUP B, MOST SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES FOR US INVOLVE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS:

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- A) PREAMBLE PARA 19: THIS PARA IS VERBATIM FROM THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION PROGRAM OF ACTION, AND WE CANNOT ACCEPT IT BECAUSE OF THE CLEAR REFERENCE TO INDEXATION. THE REVISION CONTAINS A SIMILAR IMPLICATION. WE WOULD RECOMMEND IN ITS PLACE THE FOLLOWING "AND THE DESIRABILITY OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OBTAINING PRICES FOR THEIR EXPORTS WHICH ARE EQUITABLE FOR BOTH PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS."
- B) DECLARATION PARA 4: US CANNOT ACCEPT REFERENCE TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. THESE REFERENCES ALSO EXIST IN SEVERAL OTHER PARAS. WE WOULD ALSO REQUIRE ANY REVISION TO REFLECT THE ACTUAL ROLE OF US GOVERNMENT VIS-A-VIS US INDUSTRY.
- C) DECLARATION PARA 8: SEE REFTEL (C).
- D) DECLARATION PARA 15: REVISED LANGUAGE IS PEJORATIVE TO MARKET ECONOMY SYSTEM.
- E) PLAN OF ACTION (P OF A) PARA A2(A): REVISION NOT ACCEPTABLE BECAUSE IT GIVES UNCTAD NEGOTIATING ROLE ON TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS AND ENDORSES REDUCTIONS ON PREFERENTIAL BASIS WITHOUT REFERENCE TO GSP.
- F) RE STANDSTILL PARA US DOES NOT ACCEPT OBLIGATION FOR PRIOR CONSULTATION.
- G) P OF A PARA A2(C): US NOT PREPARED ENDORSE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- H) P OF A PARA C1(C): US UNABLE TO ACCEPT LANGUAGE BECAUSE GATT REGULATIONS DO NOT ADEQUATELY COVER QUESTIONS OF SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES.
- I) P OF A PARA C1(D): US DOES NOT ACCEPT ODA TARGET.

- 4. REALIZE THAT SECTION INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS
 LIFTED FROM REVISED TEXT BUT BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE USEFUL
 TO MAKE CLEAR TO GROUP B AT THIS TIME THAT US INTENDS
 TO HOLD LINE FIRMLY ON SUCH CENTRAL INSTITUTIONAL ISSUES
 AS SPECIALIZED AGENCY STATUS AND BUDGETARY AND PERSONNEL
 AUTONOMY. FURTHERMORE, POSITION PAPERS PREPARED FOR
 UNIDO II WILL REFLECT POSITIONS WHICH ARE INITIALLY
 NEGATIVE ON OTHER LDC INSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS.
 FOLLOWING THIS, WE ARE UNABLE TO SUPPORT LANGUAGE OF
 REVISED TEXT RE PARA 18 OF DECLARATION AND SECTION E
 OF PLAN OF ACTION WITH EXCEPTIONS OF PARAS E(9) AND E(10).
- 5. WHILE US POSITIONS MAY APPEAR UNDULY NEGATIVE, WE BELIEVE IT USEFUL TACTIC TO COMMENCE WITH HARD LINE IN HOPE OF STIFFENING BACKBONE OF OTHER GROUP B COUNTRIES. KISSINGER

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